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Culinary Farms Receives 100% Rating on SQF Level 2 Audit

Woodland, CA – February 19, 2016 – Culinary Farms received 100%, excellent (E) rating on the SQF Level 2 food safety audit conducted during December 2015. According to SQF Institute, 3.3% of the sites in the US received an E rating with 100% from the SQF Ed.7.2 audits.

The SQF Code is an HACCP-based food safety and quality management program designed primarily for the processing and manufacturing sector. The Code utilizes the CODEX HACCP method to address both food safety and quality. The methods used to manage food safety are documented in a food safety plan and the methods used to manage quality are documented in a food quality plan.

The SQF Code is divided into three certification levels. Each level indicates the stage of development of a supplier's food safety and quality management system. A supplier can choose a level that is acceptable to a customer and the attainment of a level indicates the stage of development of the supplier's food safety and quality management system. The three levels of certification for the SQF Code are:

1. Level 1 Food Safety Fundamentals
2. Level 2 Certified HACCP Food Safety Plans
3. Level 3 Comprehensive Food Safety and Quality Management System

The SQF Code requires that pre-requisite programs, food safety plans and food quality plans be implemented and maintained by an SQF practitioner. An SQF practitioner is an employee of the supplier who has attended an HACCP course and is able to demonstrate adequate knowledge and understanding of the SQF systems.

About Culinary Farms

Based in Woodland California, Culinary Farms is a specialty producer of distinctively flavorful food ingredients for industrial and foodservice markets. Our products include a wide range of authentic dried Mexican Chiles that feature unique flavor and heat profiles; and specialty pastes and purees that deliver on-trend flavor. We also produce California-grown dried tomatoes including Pure Sun Dried™ with no salt or sulfites. All products are all natural and available as a dry ingredient, paste, puree or roasted / smoked. Culinary Farms offers ingredient sourcing, custom development of pastes and purees, our proprietary roasted / smoked process and toll processing. Most products are kosher, halal and organic certified as well as gluten and allergy free. Culinary Farms is SQF Level 2 Certified under the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI). For complete product information please visit www.culinaryfarms.com

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